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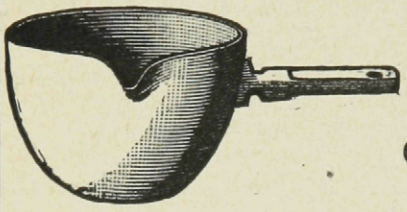

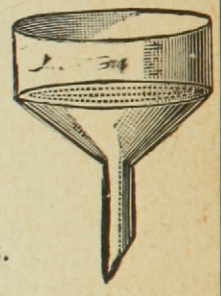

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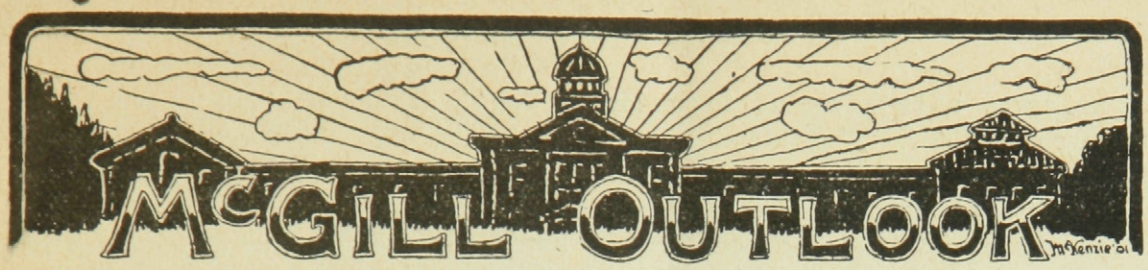

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Editorial.

The news about the early erection of a McGill Union has of course reached the ears of all the readers of the OUTLOOK by this time, but this is the first opportunity we have had of expressing our appreciation to the generous donor. As the organ of the student body, who will benefit most by Sir William Macdonald's munificence, we take great pleasure in extending to him our warmest thanks.

Sir William must recognize that such an institution is necessary for a University so well equipped in many ways as McGill. The students feel the want of such a building, especially the ones who come from a distance to Montreal. The ordinary student must be content with a room which leaves no space for him when he gets his trunk inside.

The McGill Union should do much, as its name implies, to weld together the different parts of this College. A great many remedies have been suggested and not a few have been tried. Let us hope that this will have the effect which we all so much desire, but

do not agree as to the means to employ to reach that end. The Interclass system has been tried with that end in view. Its success or failure is before every man's view and each one holds his own opinion in regard to it. Every man, however, hopes for much from this new undertaking and feels very thankful to the man who made it possible.

As this is the last number of the OUTLOOK for the present session, we hope our readers will pardon us if we pass a few remarks about ourselves.

We started out at the beginning of the session to make the OUTLOOK hold the place that such a Journal should occupy in our College life. We have heard much commending our policy and appreciating our work, but regret to say that from time to time many complaints have been made. These have all been given our careful consideration and we have received many useful hints from our subscribers. We wish to express our thanks to these friends as we know only too well that our paper could be improved upon.

We have heard some complaints, however, that are hardly just. If the people who made these complaints would consider the difficulties that have to be overcome in running a College Journal such as the OUTLOOK, they would certainly be a little more lenient.

We have had better support from the student body than any Board that has undertaken this work. Under these circumstances, we have been able to get out a larger paper, although the expenses for printing have risen considerably.

We sincerely hope and trust that the students will support the new Board in the same hearty manner in which they have us, and make their work as light as possible, not only by their financial support, but by encouraging them in every way.

Another Year is about to part from our midst with the good wishes of all their fellow students. '04 has shown that they had no superiors at many a hard fought battle, but they cannot be with us always, so we must ask '05 to take the lead, feeling sure that they will do their best to fill the vacant benches. The present Graduating Year has held all trophies open to competition up to this Year. At sports they had the best athletes that McGill has ever known, viz., Molson and Morrow. They managed to win the trophy at the sports for the three years that they competed for it. Up to this year they have retained the hockey championship, and no doubt would have kept it had they put their team on the ice. After such a record as this it is no wonder that we will miss them.

'06 ANNUAL.

The Sophomores have commenced preparations on the great work of their Junior Year. They have elected the Boards to get out the '06 *Annual*. We feel certain that under their able management the *Annual* will not deteriorate from its present high state of excellence.

The following members comprise the two Boards:—

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LEGENDS OF OUR LAND.

(Concluded.)

In New France, the Jesuit missionaries were greatly horrified to learn that the Indians regarded the celebration of St. John's Eve as a big medicine-feast to drive away the evil spirits. Since there was a constant intercourse with the Indian, Canadian traditions could not but be influenced by Indian magic and sorcery. No Christian, however, was amenable to Indian magic unless in a state of mortal sin. But so many and so various were the tales of wizards and their followers that the French believed very firmly in the many kinds of magic practised by the Indians; and they became so firmly imbued with the belief in necromancy in general that the charge of sorcery was often brought against fellow colonists. From the beginning of the colony, this charge was brought against the inhabitants of the island of Orleans and as they never tried to clear themselves, no doubt they were guilty. On the island there were large gatherings of loup-garous, sorcerers, feux-follets and other miscreants. Over these meetings, called together by the ringing of an unconsecrated church bell, Satan presided. After marching around the island with Satan at their head, they held a messenoire in his honour. Then a huge cauldron was set over a fire and as it boiled, incantations, directed by Satan, were chanted over it. In the meantime the sorcerers on the mainland made desperate efforts to reach the island in order to take part in the ceremony, but the river had been blessed and they dared not attempt to go alone. Unfortunate was the habitant who paused to watch the "unholly crew," for if he could be induced to cross by force or by craft, he was sacrified to their master. Many habitants believed that persons who never returned home were thus sacrificed. In later years the sorcerers of the island employed their machinations to cause storms. One wizard had a most incomparable reputation and it was firmly believed that he alone caused the storm which wrecked the fleet commanded by Sir Hovenden Walker in 1711. When the approach of the fleet was certain, the wizard moved his infernal pot to the extreme easterly point of the island. So great was his brewing that the steam poured up and out over the waters causing the storm which soon convulsed the St. Lawrence. Those who repeat the legend have not the least doubt of this, for did he not foretell the catastrophe which occurred before the admiral again reached England?

When Satan was not the master of ceremonies at Orleans, or enjoying himself elsewhere, one could be very sure that he was endeavouring to win souls. If he learned that a habitant was at death's door, he left no stone unturned to prevent the arrival of the priest. Many a tale is told of an accident or sudden illness and of the devil's activity. The messenger would find the horses exhausted as though hard driven, or the harness broken, or a wheel off the voiture, and a visit to the nearest neighbour would perhaps disclose a similar state of affairs. The journey, therefore, would have to be given up and the habitant left to risk dying without the sacraments. Prudent persons endeavoured to be prepared for his Satanic majesty by leaving a quantity of bran near the stable-door, so that when he entered the bran would be scattered. Being very orderly he would attempt to replace every hull in its former position, and the time, thus passing pleasantly for the poor devil, he would not have time to do any damage.

Other legends tell of lights, red, blue, or white, flashing before the horse's eyes, so frightening them that they would stand shivering until it was too late to get the priest in time. These lights were thrown by the feux-follets

or bad Catholics, employed by Satan to assist in winning souls. There were various devices by which these feux-follets might be outwitted, and the priest reached in time. Then they were safe, for the evil spirits dared not approach the man of God.

These are legends of the landsmen, from which the legends of the fishermen and sailors are very different. If it may be said truly, that not a parish in Canada but has a legend growing out of religious fervour or otherwise, it is equally true that there is scarcely a bay or headland but has its legend or is haunted by weird unearthly lights. The fishing people quite believe in mermaids and other myths of the sea, which landsmen regard as subjects of romance. They say, too, that a certain kind of haddock, called St. Peter's fish, was the first fish taken from the net on the occasion of the miraculous draught of fishes. Certain black marks on the back of the fish are said to be the imprint of Peter's fingers.

The story of "Le Naufrage Anglais" is thoroughly believed. It is the legend of a phantom ship which appears on calm nights in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. A strange light gleaming over the waters presages a storm and presently the waves run mountains high. A ship sails slowly into sight, driving towards Cape Despair. The deck is crowded with soldiers wearing a British uniform of two centuries ago. An officer, evidently in command, is pointing directly towards the frowning cape and clinging to him is a beautiful white-robed lady. The storm grows wilder, the light becomes dimmer, a shriek mingles with the tempest and the ship is engulfed in the waves and darkness.

The Bay of Chaleurs is also an important spot in the collecting of legends. There are tales of lights dancing over the waters, brilliant mysterious lights, which mark the spots where desperate deeds have been done. Legends of cruelty, murder or oppression also exist, and are vouched for by proofs which cannot be disputed. The appearance of these lights invariably foretells storm or danger to sea-faring folk.

But of all the legends pertaining to land and water the most wonderful are the tales of the miracles wrought when the Jesuit, Father Labrosse, died at Tadoussac in 1782. For nearly thirty years Father Labrosse preached along the St. Lawrence and in Acadia. On the night he died he was at Tadousac and foretold his own death, and directed what should be done. It happened as he predicted. At midnight the bells tolled of their own accord and Father Labrosse was found dead before the altar. When day came, a party set out for Isle-aux-Coudres to bring Father Campain. A storm was raging and ice flows choked the river, but a path of peaceful waters was opened before them. Before they reached their destination they saw Father Campain watching for them. He, too, had received a mysterious message and heard the bells tolling his friend's death.

Once the good Saint Anne appeared in a dream to a Carignan soldier, and gave him much good advice. The legend of the soldier's dream has come down to us in both poetry and prose and is almost two hundred years old.

But the most formidable and most sombre of all our legends is that of the loup-garou. It is akin to the "werwolf" legend of Germany and is well known in the old land. In Canada there were apparently two kinds of loup-gorou, one which killed and ate children, and another which sought the destruction of souls. The first was seen by children only, wicked ones, whose evidence was worth little. The other, however, has been seen by thousands of good habitants and the proof of the creature's existence is most authentic. If a habitant did not partake of the sacrament for seven years, meanwhile

living an irreligious life, he invariably became a loup-garou. That is, he took on the form of a wolf or a huge black dog or other fierce animal during the night, but resumed his natural shape in the day-time. This creature, therefore, roamed the forest and deserted places at night, endowed with supernatural speed and strength, with a fierce temper, eyes blazing like coals, and an exaggerated appetite. When he returned to human shape he was excessively lean, wild-eyed, haggard of counenance and had a hard, sinister and evil look in his whole appearance. By day and by night he sought souls; encouraging by day other men to wickedness of which they had formerly been incapable, and by night seeking to delay the priest when called to the dying, or to hinder in some way the people from repenting. Many a man, who had been growing daily more evil, wicked and irreligious has been recalled to a sense of his condition by being followed by a loup-garou. Day by day, men lived and worked together, drank and gambled, until conscience seemed seared and nothing could recall them. Invariably there was one in their midst who had become cursed as it were, and who had encouraged them. When the time was ripe he appeared about midnight in the form of a huge black dog and endeavoured to carry away the most wicked of his companions. If in the struggle, the animal should be wounded on the head, he would return to human shape, and if he repented, retain it. It must be added that when men worked harder, lived rougher, harder lives and drank heavily, the loup-garou, was a more frequent apparition than now.

The most purely Canadian of our legends is that of "La Chasse Galerie." It belongs to the period when forest life was the most lucrative, when men lived wicked lives and recked not of consequences. Lumbermen are credited with being the chief passengers in this novel mode of travel, but sinners of any sort might journey in these aerial bateaux, if they only made a pact with Satan. Men who left the settlements for a season in the forest, often made a vow by which they left their religion in the parish church until they returned. When absent, therefore, they could indulge in every wickedness without fear. Often, too, years passed during which time they never went to confession, nor did their Easter duties. When one of these reprobates wished to make a flying trip to some settlement, he selected seven others as wicked as himself, and taking their places secretly in a canoe, they repeated a formula, which was really an agreement with the devil, and which ran something like the following:—"Satan, king of the infernal regions, we promise you our souls, if within the next — hours we pronounce the name of 'le bon Dieu,' your master and ours, or if we touch a cross on the way. On that condition you will transport us through the air, wherever we wish to go, and bring us back safe and sound." Then they added. "Acabris, Acabras, Acabram! Fais-nous voyager par-dessus les montagnes!" As they spoke the boat would begin to rise, the men began to paddle and the voyage began. In an incredibly short time they reached their destination, enjoyed themselves for a few hours and returned to their work. It was very easy to make the trip, they said, if the men watched where they went, thought what they said, and did not touch liquor while away. Many habitants state most solemnly that they have seen a boat travelling through the air with great speed, have seen the red-shirted men and heard their horrible singing.

These are but a few of the legends from the rich stores of Canadian folk-lore. Both the Indian and the French furnish many more and to these may be added a few English. To

the student of Canadian folk-lore a wide and quite unknown field opens up and promises a rich harvest. Many legends are becoming altered, some are almost forgotten, and all need to be put into such form that future generations may learn something of the fireside tales of their forefathers.

M. L. R.

About the College.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Executive of the Historical Society have drawn up the following programme of subjects for next year's meetings, and members are requested to select their subjects immediately, which they may do by speaking to the president.

Oct. 7, *India.*
(a) The Silver Question.
(b) The Native Races.
(c) The Thibetan Expedition.
(d) The Religions.

Oct. 21, *The Poor in Great Cities.*
(a) A Life and Labour in London.
(b) Chicago.
(c) New York.

Nov. 4, *Australia.*
(a) The Problem of White Australia.
(b) The Shaping of the Australian Commonwealth.
(c) Attitude of Australia toward Imperialism.

Nov. 18, *Warfare.*
(a) Gustavus Adolphus.
(b) The Waterloo Campaign.
(c) Quick firing Weapons.

Dec. 2, Dr. Leacock (*Social Forecasts of the 21st Cent.*)

Jan. 6. *Old Members.*

Jan. 20, *Canadian Northwest.*
(a) Present Status of Hudson Bay Co.
(b) Irrigation.
(c) Influx from United States.

Feb. 3, Mrs. Molson (*Early History of Oregon.*)

Feb. 17, *British Interests in the Mediterranean.*
(a) Ionian Islands.
(b) Armistice St. Stephano.
(c) Tunis and Egypt. British and French Relations in Egypt.

March 3, *The Evolution of Japan.*
(a) Oligarchy of Marquis Ito.
(b) Attitude of Japanese towards European Civilization.
(c) Japanese Feudalism.

McGILL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Sometime during this present week a meeting of this Association will be held, and in a few words we wish to call the attention of all students to this very important meeting. The officers of this Club are very anxious that every student who can, and especially the First Year men, should be present.

This Association was organized last spring by a General Meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm. Prof. R. Leigh Gregor was the prime organizer of the movement; to him belongs the credit of founding the Association. The first year of existence has been entirely successful. The interest shown in the shooting was great and on the bright afternoons in the fall as many as sixty have been at the ranges. The membership list has about 140 names and a big effort will be made this year to increase the number.

To the Second, Third and Fourth Year men little needs to be said. Anyone who joined last year can vouch for

the enjoyment to be had. But we may need to add a few words for the sake of the First Year men. Rifles and ammunition are provided by the Government, and the fee of membership is ridiculously small when one considers the advantages to be derived. This is not a military organization in the sense that there is no discipline. The object and aim of the Association is to give students an opportunity to become proficient in the use of the rifle.

Last year there were unfortunately one or two drawbacks. Chief amongst these was the expense of going to and coming from the ranges. There is a possibility this year that the Government may do away with the entire expense of transportation; what is more probable is the cutting down of the expense by one-third. This will in a great measure facilitate the difficulties in attending the practices regularly.

Also, there will be a competition this year. A handsome cup has been donated and several professors have signified their intention or perfect willingness to donate similar trophies. This will be a decided stimulus to the Association, and there should be a great increase in the number of members.

It is impossible to enter fully into the advantages and benefits of such an Association, and we shall be content to announce the meeting. Let every student who can be on hand and learn more from the General Meeting. Information may be readily had from any of the officers of last year.

To the Editor of the OUTLOOK:—

It would seem at first the very essence of hardihood to suggest any increase in the number of compulsory courses at McGill, but perhaps it is not altogether absurd to ask if a course in "Enthusiastics" might not well be required of every undergraduate in the University. In the future, could not the enthusiasm of our University staff be handed on to the student body by precept, as well as by example? Be that as it may, it is clearly the duty of the loyal McGill man to embrace every opportunity of increasing his own stock of enthusiasm, and also to champion every scheme which would make it absolutely impossible for apathy to dwell in any section of the student body.

In recent issues of the OUTLOOK we have read the plea of "Athos" for the adoption of a Faculty System, in Athletics and in everything else. In speaking of the various clubs at McGill, "Athos" argues for the absorption of almost everything in sight —professors included—by the Undergraduate Societies of the several Faculties. Now there are certain societies which do appeal to all the students in their respective Faculties. The Medical Society concerns every Medical man, the Literary every man in Arts and Law as well as a select few from the other Faculties. The whole student body in Medicine supports its Society; if corporation listens to the petition of the Arts' students, they will soon be giving the Literary a similar support. Formal affiliation with the respective Undergraduate Societies would not appear to be necessary in these two cases. But "Athos" refers to certain other Societies—the Philosophical, the Historical, the Physical; a similar fate is to befall these. The Philosophical Club happens to appeal, and always will appeal, to comparatively few of the students; it is mainly a professors' club. "The Historical" wisely sets a limit on its membership, thus deliberately choosing to eke out its existence. When we come to consider the situation in Applied Science, it certainly seems strange to the outsider that there is no students' society there corresponding to the Medical Society. Surely the students in that Faculty might very well revive the old Applied Science Society. But is anything more

required? Do the Physical and Chemical Societies need reformation? Who that thinks can imagine their being affiliated with the Undergraduate Society of the Faculty of Applied Science? To carry this idea from the scientific into the administrative realm, we might modestly propose making the Board of Governors a Committee of the Alma Mater Society. Such a plan would certainly mean a great increase in the enthusiasm—of the Governors.

"Athos" also considers the situation in Athletics, and here and elsewhere he might better be called "(p) Athos." The students have certainly not given the maximum support to the various Athletic Clubs, but things are not quite so pathetic as we are led to believe. "Anti-Athos" has recently advanced reasons for the apparent failure of the Year System in Athletics, and has protested against the idea of saddling on that institution the responsibility for every defect, for every deficit. Perhaps it might also be pointed out that it is hardly fair, when speaking of the attendance at hockey matches, to exaggerate the number of our students by saying "well-nigh fifteen hundred." Again, the combined gate receipts at the two matches were about $210—not as large as they should have been, but still rather better than the $100, to which "Athos" refers. In connection with the attendance at the Interclass contests held on the Campus, critics of the Year System should remember of whatever Applied Science ('06, for example) may have done in the past, it is sure to be present next session in full force at every Interclass contest, especially at every hockey match with '07.

It may be true that the Year System, having abolished the old enthusiasms, has not yet replaced them by anything which can be seen by those who do not care to look. It is also true that the most sanguine supporter of the present plan never expected it to get up a respectable momentum in a day or so. It is just about time for that system to show its real strength, and has not the present Freshman Class proved that an ardent Year spirit is quite within the range of possibility? The success of the Faculty System was to be attributed to its naturalness; it is the very artificiality of the Year System which constitutes its strength. In any case, a man has plenty of opportunities to rub against his fellow craftsmen; but if he is to know what men in other Faculties are thinking and doing, someone must deliberately plan the creation of a new set of opportunities. Even Applied Science men are sometimes given to judge the horse by his harness; under the present system they have less and less excuse for pointing the finger of scorn at the Arts man because he dwells in the sacred halls where time has left his mark. Surely a system which frowns upon Inter-Faculty jealousies and which stimulates a loyalty to all McGill is sure in the end to produce the most excellent kind of enthusiasm imaginable.

But are there any changes which could be suggested for the consideration of all the well-wishers of McGill? Perhaps a word might be said about the Alma Mater Society. Everyone who has examined the Constitution of that Society must have remarked the care with which it was elaborated. However, would it not have been better to place the election of its President in the hands of the whole body of students? As it is now, the President is appointed by the representatives of the students, but the man in "the avenue" would be more likely to take the right kind of interest in the proceedings of the Alma Mater if its Chief Executive were appointed by popular vote. The legislation required for such a change would not be at all troublesome. The actual voting could be carried out quite easily. On the day of polling, ballot-boxes could be placed, say, at the Sherbrooke Street gates, and

...uld be guarded by a few stalwart athletes. Each man wishing to vote would be required humbly to request Tom to punch his grounds-ticket. Possibly the election for the presidency of the McGill Athletic Association could be held at the same time—in the spring preferably—and in the same way.

And why should the students not have an opportunity at least twice a year, to express themselves on the live issues of College affairs? The Alma Mater ought to be expected to arrange for mass meetings of the whole student body, to be addressed by four or five representative men, whose duty it would be to arouse profitable discussion on matters of importance in athletics and things in general. It would not be hard to get speakers and subjects; to imagine a poor attendance at a Kickers' meeting is simply impossible. The resolutions passed by such an assembly would certainly receive every consideration at the hands of the various bodies which actually make the laws.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space,

Yours faithfully,

E. W. SHELDON.

McGILL UNION.

A meeting of the graduates of McGill was held in the Windsor last Wednesday evening, to discuss the new developments in connection with the Unions. It was moved by Dean Moyse, and seconded by Dr. Ruttan, that the graduates express their appreciation of the generous gift of Sir William Macdonald towards the creation of a students' union, and convey their thanks to the generous benefactor of McGill University.

Dean Moyse observed that Sir William attached no condition to the gift, but held the graduates to an obligation to raise $75,000 to endow the building.

The building, it is understood, will be erected during the approaching summer so that within one year it should be ready for use. It will be fitted with all the requirements of a students' hall; reading-rooms, billiard-rooms, restaurant, etc., will be a part of the equipment. The place will be made as comfortable and imposing as possible in order to secure a large patronage and foster the college spirit in such a way as will place the organization on the same footing with English or American Unions.

As much control as possible will be given to the students themselves as they are the ones intended to be benefited most, but quarters will also be provided for graduates of this city and others when they may come to town.

THE McGILL OUTLET.

Twelve year old kid, addressing elderly gentlemen, corner of Craig and Coté:—*"Fer de love of heaven,* mister, gimme ten cents ter see de show!"

We learn from an English newspaper that the winter has been very severe in Canada; at Montreal, a town of some importance on the St. Lawrence River, they were frequently compelled to light bonfires in the street; while indoors the ink freezes on the table as you write." The paper omits to state whether that chap got first prize. What?

The lone adventure of a Science man:—Being very busy, he sent his thesis to the typewriter by mail, and signed himself J. C. She finished, and returned it, and at the bottom of her bill wrote: "Dear J. C., please call in person next time."

The "London Lancet" in an article on getting up deprecates "the

practice which so many of us indulge in of springing out of bed the moment we awake, often before sunrise." What's that?

The Third Year men are working hard toward making Convocation a howling success. Preparations are well under way.

Signor Magnolia will officiate at the organ (which he will bring with him for the purpose), and a series of alarm clocks has been arranged to go off with almost startling rapidity. They also hope to have a display of fire-crackers, and a kazoo-band.

This is from the R. V. H.:—

Lovelace—"Just one more kiss dearest, 'ere we part!"

Yvonne—"Are you quite sure you won't want any more?"

Lo.—"Yes indeed, dearest!"

Yvo.—"Then you can't have any."

We learn with satisfaction that the owner of "Ye Old Curiosity Shope" on St. Catherine street has grown wealthy, and has retired from work. There were few shrewder business men (in a quiet shady way) in the city. Many will be glad to hear that the lovely antique brass candlesticks he used to sell were cast at a little foundry on Prince street, in lots of 5 dozen, and then laid away in the ash barrel for a few days to give them the proper finish.

Up in Medicine they nail up a list of *"Post-Mortems Pending."* Last week a man in the General Hospital who was *pending* got suddenly better, greatly to the annoyance of the students who were put down for that post-mortem.

A member of Arts 1901 (a year which boasts six clergymen, and seven embryo missionaries), has just returned from Glasgow, where he was engaged in city mission work.

He told us that some philanthropists built a model tenement, and put in a lot of poor families. After a week or two they came to see if their tenants were becoming refined and uplifted, and had taken advantage of their new surroundings. They found they had taken advantage of the door knobs all right. These door knobs were beautiful samples of the door-knob maker's art, but they considered them non-utilitarian; so they took them off and sold them for beer.

Pharmacology.

Being an extract from the spoken lectures of Dr. Halsey:—"It is quite possible, gentlemen, for drugs which have been erroneously prescribed to act beneficially. A parallel case occurs in the legend of

Number Fifty-Nine.

There was once a great lottery, the first prize in which was many thousand piastres. One day, when the tickets were nearly all sold, a man of rather shabby appearance walked into the office and asked for ticket number 59.

"Sold," said the clerk.

"Can you get it for me, or tell me who bought it?"

"Impossible," said the clerk.

The man left the office, and for the next three weeks he searched vigorously for ticket No. 59, spending in his efforts several hundred piastres, which sum he either begged or borrowed.

At length he found it, and was full of peace.

A few days after came the drawing, and to the astonishment of all, the capital prize was won by No. 59!

Next morning the winner, arrayed in shining apparel of the latest cut, arrived with his booty at the largest bank in town.

The manager, as was fitting, received him in his private office, offered him a fat Maduro, and engaged him in pleasant talk.

"Tell me, how did you know that No. 59 would win?" said the manager.

"Well, it was this way. One night I was lying asleep, when the door opened quietly, and in walked a monstrous seven, closed the door after him, and leaned against the wall.

Immediately the door opened again, and in stalked another monstrous seven and leaned up against his fellow.

This was repeated, until seven monstrous sevens, one beside the other, stood leaning against the wall, and gazed upon me in thoughtful silence.

Then all walked out again.

For nearly a week I wondered what it might mean. It couldn't be seven million, seven hundred and seventy-seventy thousand, seven hundred and seventy-seven, because there weren't that many tickets in the lottery.

Then suddenly I saw the meaning. "By the Lord," says I, "I've got it! *There were seven of them, and seven sevens is fifty-nine!*"

EXCHANGES.

VANITAS.

Maisie wrote a poem, and showed it to her bosom friend.

"It's beautiful," said Kitty, "simply beautiful. Such language! Such pathos! You must send it to the Magazine."

"You really think I should? queried Maisie, dubiously, yet withal well pleased.

"Of course," said Kitty, decisively.

And so it was dropped into the Magazine Box.

Slowly the days went by; then Wednesday came, and with it the Magazine. In feverish haste Maisie ran down to Q.M. for a copy; nor did she dare to open it until she had regained the seclusion of her private sanctum.

Maisie sat down at her little writing-table and eagerly scanned the pages; and again; but it was not there. Then suddenly a sentence caught her eye. Something seemed to catch at Maisie's heart, and the letters began to chase each other all over the page.

"It's a lie," said Maisie, "not all over;" by which statement she meant to imply that her eyesight was deceiving her. But when she looked again, there were biting words in black and white, and.....

Some one knocked at the door.

"May I came in?" said Kitty's voice.

"Come in?" responded Maisie, mechanically.

Then, "Oh, Kitty!" she moaned, "Oh, Kitty!"

"What is the matter?" demanded the visitor in surprise, as she shut the door.

"Read!" said Maisie, entreatingly, indicating the offending paragraph.

Kitty read. Kitty frowned. Kitty stamped her foot wrathfully.

"The brutes!" she cried, "the horrid, mean, nasty insolent wretches. What absolute beasts! Bah, I would not care one snap for them. They're beneath contempt. Ugh!" shuddering, and flinging the stimulus of her wrath on the floor.

Maisie stared blankly before her, her head on her hands, and her elbows on her knees.

"Vanitas vanitatum," sighed poor Maisie, "all is vanity, and I must have more than I thought, the wound hurts so."

Poor Maisie!

"Don't take on so, Maisie, dear," said her friend, in real distress; "don't mind them, darling. What, you're not going to cry?"

"I won't cry," said Maisie, clenching her fists. "I won't. Why should I? I won't."

There was a pause.

"Kitty!"

"Yes, dear!"

"Kitty, is it wrong to swear?"

"Why, yes. That is, I don't know. It depends."

Another pause.

"Kitty, I must either swear or cry. Which shall it be? I won't cry. I won't! Quick, Kitty, tell me, is it wrong to swear when there's something bursting inside one?"

Kitty was perplexed.

"I wouldn't cry for what a stupid man said; not I!" said she. "Perhaps it might relieve you to say just one little word—just one, since it hurts so."

"Just one," said Maisie, forcing back her tears.

Maisie opened her lips, then closed them. Then she drew a long breath.

Kitty watched anxiously.

"Now," said Kitty.

There was a pause. Maisie closed her eyes.

"Damn!" said Maisie.

Of what magic elixir had Maisie drunk? A weight seemed to be lifted from heart and brain, and the warm blood coursed wildy through her veins.

Kitty waited breathlessly. Maisie opened her eyes.

"Damn!" said Maisie.

Her eyes were dancing, her colour came and went.

"Maisie, dear, don't!" said poor Kitty, on the verge of tears.

"Damn!" cried Maisie, springing to her feet, and, seizing the unfortunate Magazine, she flung it into the fire, and gloatingly, exultingly, watched the greedy flames devour it.

Then Maisie gave a deep sigh of satisfaction.

"Did I frighten you, Kitty, dear?" she asked, laughingly. "Well, never mind, I'm all right now."

Kitty smiled through her tears, and kissed her friend.

"Maisie," said she, "I have a sixpence. I've been saving it off cars for a week. It means just one cup of tea and a cake apiece, for I suppose you're rooked as usual. What do you say to Cranston's?"—*Glasgow Univ. Magazine.*

Love.

"You doubtless expect to marry for love?"

"Oh, now and then!" exclaimed the young girl, romantically.—*Life.*

This is an examination. See how sad these boys look! Look at that boy in the corner. He will pass. He has studied hard. He has all his knowledge at his fingers' ends. See, he puts his knowledge in his pocket because the tutor is looking. Come away children! —*Ex.*

Poor Freshman.

Cornell co-eds of the upper classes have placed very close restrictions upon the girls of the Freshman Class. According to the present regulations no Freshman girl is permitted to receive gentlemen callers or to have a gentleman for an escort at any College function.

A Limerick.

Once a maid thought her life a fiasco,
And so drank a quart of tobasco,
Ah, no, she's not dead,
But it turned her hair red,
And now she's a star with Belasco.—
Maroon.

"Go ask papa," the maiden said,
The young man knew papa was dead;
He knew the life papa had led,
He understood when the maiden said,
"Go ask papa."
—*Lantern.*

Scene.—Moral Philosophy Class.—(Enter student, five minutes late.) Professor Seth—"I must ask the members of the Class to be more punctual." Enter two students. Professor Seth—

"This is 'too' bad." Enter four students. Professor Seth—"There must be some explanation." Enter a lady student. Applause.—*Student.*

Tommy pushed grandma off the boat,
Just to see if she would float;
Tommy's father, from the mast,
Said, "Thank the Lord, she's gone at last!"—*Lampoon.*

"The dresses of those chorus girls last night were decidedly light."
"Yes, mainly lime-light."
—*Ex.*

One found at the good old-time inn
Barmaids to chuck beneath the chin;
Bartenders now—alas!—there are,
Who chuck th' obnoxious 'neath the bar.
—*Lampoon.*

Two old Scots met after many years apart.
"Oh, hoo are ye?"
"Oh, I'm fine. I've been mairit."
"Oh, that's guid."
"Oh, it's no sae guid neither; she's a bad 'un."
"Oh, that's bad."
"Oh, it's no sae bad neither, she had some siller."
"Oh, that's guid."
"Oh, it's nae so guid neither, there's none o't left."
"Oh, that's bad.'
"Oh, it's no sae bad neither, we bocht a house wi't."
"Oh, that's guid."
"Oh, it's no sae guid neither; it's burnt doon."
"Oh, that's bad."
"Oh, it's no sae bad neither; she was in't!"
—*Student.*

"Marry, come up," quoth the elevator boy."
"Go too," answered his friend.—*Ex.*

The Queen strode on the burning deck,
A royal flush upon her face,
"Queen's up," the sailors cried, and straight
She passed; within her hand she held
Two pears, and with them dealt the King
A crushing blow. "The deuce," he cried,
And wiped the two spots from his robe.
"The game is up, alas!"
—*Yale Record.*

NOT OFTEN?

Shumtimes I think I'm Dowie III
Vibratin' out vibrashuns;
'N' then I think I'm Dumpy Jim
Doin' my freak gyrashuns;
I think I'm 'normous keg of beer,
'Bout whish Milwaukee bragged.

ENVOI.

You shee I think I'm shevral things,
But cop thinks I'm jus' jagged.
—*Lampoon.*

Penny—See old Governor Grafter is getting pretty bald.

Packer—Yes, they always said he would come out on top.
—*Punch Bowl.*

NURSERY LYRICS, No. III.

No Need for Insurance.

If the Faculty of Arts
Should by chance be set on fire,
"Do you think that it would burn?"
Any fool might well enquire.

No! Insurance agents never
Need you lose, at least this year,
Since protection we have ever
Of its kind without a peer.

For, of all the freshiest Freshies
We remember having seen,
With that awful fir-tree colour
Of an everlasting green

Are the fifty-five odd children
Who to Sophomores aspire,
That might possibly create a smoke,
But never aid a fire.

—X.

News of the Colleges.

It is quite possible that the University of Minnesota will organize a boat crew in the near future.

Hitherto the lack of any suitable water course has made that branch of athletics an impossibility, but the completion of the lock and dam which is now being constructed between Minneapolis and St. Paul will create an excellent two mile course. Such being the case, interest and funds would only be required to establish a crew at Minnesota.

Wisconsin is at present the only Western University that supports a crew, although the subject is being brought up at Michigan this year.

Work is shortly to be begun on a new Library at Bishop's College. The funds have been supplied by private subscription and also by a grant from the Provincial Government.

The *Bowdoin Orient* has just adopted a new constitution. One of the most important features of the constitution is the putting of the paper on the share basis. This gives every man on the Board a share in the profits according to his relative position on the Board. Prior to this the business manager has shared all the profits. Every member will be required to present at each of the weekly meetings at least eight hundred words or at the discretion of the editor-in-chief, an equivalent for the same. Any member failing to live up to this part of the constitution will be fined one dollar for the first offense and expulsion from the Board for the second, unless a valid excuse is offered and accepted by the Board.

The retiring Board will be responsible for all debts and will have the benefit of all profits of the volume under its charge. In case the paper is in debt at the end of the year, the debt will be borne by the members in proportion to their shares. All matter read before a meeting of the Board will be considered accepted unless objections are made by two members.

The *Columbia Jester* has not appeared lately, and it is stated that the Managing Board contemplates ceasing the publication of the paper.

The reason given is lack of support by the students, especially the lower Classes.

The *Jester* would be a great loss to college journalism, as it is one of the best and brightest college humorous papers that are published.

Work will soon be begun on the new Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto. The money has been raised through the efforts of the Alumni Association.

The sum of $100,000 has already been subscribed, and it is understood that further private assistance has been promised which will enable the University to construct the building of stone instead of brick, as the plans contemplate.

The hall is arranged in the form of an amphitheatre. There will be two galleries, the total seating capacity being nearly 2000.

It has been definitely decided to establish a series of dormitories at Columbia University. Work is to be begun on two of the buildings immediately and six more are planned.

The buildings will be of the latest fireproof construction, nine stories high, and will be built about a campus.

Cornell University is about to erect two buildings at an expense of $250,000 each. One in the Rockefeller Hall of Physics; the other is the Goldwin Smith Hall of Languages. The latter will include a large museum of archæology.

According to the Auditor's statement the University of Chicago has received, during the past Quarter, from gifts promised prior to December 22 and from gifts subsequent to December 22, 1903, a total of $101,217.00.

Harvard University has inaugurated a new plan of maintaining the University hospital, Stillman Infirmary. Beginning next year, every incoming student will be charged a fee of four dollars. On the order of a physician, any student, in case of sickness, will be entitled to a bed in the infirmary, board and ordinary nursing at no further expense. Unmarried members of the Faculty will be allowed the same privilege. Medical attendance will not be included in hospital services unless paid for extra.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

FRED. HART, Med. '02, is now practicing in St. John, N.B.

GEORGE JOHNSON, Med. '02, who used to play on first XV, is at present doctor on board a steamer plying between England and West Africa.

MISS EDITH EAST, Arts '03, is organist of St. Cyprian's Church, Montreal.

S. DALE HARRIS, '05 and F. McKENNA, '06, have been elected representatives from Law on the Committee of the newly formed Track Club.

STAFFORD K. HARVIE, Med. '01, is now in practice at Cranbrook, B.C.

SAUL BONNELL, Med. '96, is another McGill man who has gone West. He is now in Fernie, B.C.

W. F. CHIPMAN, B.A., has been unanimously elected Valedictorian for Law.

AUBREY T. FULLER, Med. '01, who has been practicing since graduation at Canso, N.S., has now moved to the Northwest.

HEDLEY V. THOMPSON, B.A.Sc. (C.E.), is consulting engineer with the Cooper-Hewitt Iron & Steel Co., Trenton, N.J.

CHAS. G. GREENSHIELDS, Law '05, owing to illness has been compelled to give up College work for the present, and has gone South.

Class Reports.

SCIENCE.

1904.

Thrilling adventure. Gigantic rodent paralyses Third Year man with fear. A few days ago a Third Year man was walking along St. Catherine street toward civilization at the hour of 2 a.m., when a 'mendous rat this long jumped out and laughed at him. He chased him for three blocks, but at every crossing the rat only looked over his shoulder and laughed again. Then he threw his rubbers at him and chased him up a telegraph pole. But the rat turned round and bit him right here, and he couldn't find his rubbers again. Tell you he was this long. I'm not drunk. Tell you he did bite me, and I won't go to bed.

This is our last report. We had a vague idea of filling it up with a stunt about the glory of engineering, and what a noble code of ethics the profession has, concluding with a sad wail *"Vale in aeternam, vale!"* But on second thoughts our nobler nature prevailed, and we cut it out.

Some of you will graduate in a quiet way, and some with a flourish of trumpets; and here's where you all go forth to look for jobs. You remember with fear the stories you used to read of the general manager who always rejected the city youth, and chose the shaggy-haired country youth who wore not a coloured shirt,

neither smoked he the vile cigarette. And you recollect with trembling that you are city-bred. Do not, however, be discouraged. Nowadays, general managers themselves usually smoke cigarettes and use coloured shirts, some even go so far as to brush their hair.

Here's wishing you all a pass in Hydraulics, a seventh-heavenly time at the Graduates' Dinner and a fat and juicy job.

Here's to the Juniors: may you make as good Seniors as we did.

Here's to the Sophs, as you enter with enthusiasm on a year's course of "Theory."

And here's to the Freshmen: may you have as much fun with your successors as we had with you.

(Curtain.)

1905

The Exams are on us and really the Reporter has not had time to think of anything. Here are a few suggestions that might help the professors when setting papers. Answers to be written one side only of paper.

I. Reduce Peaceful to Henries.

II. Guy and Rusty are two Kid(d)s. (Rosie is laughing behind them) tossing for coins in Class. After Guy has lost four cents he is caught and sent out of the room. Should Rusty return the said money?

III. If a student is running for president next year, how can he best boom himself up?

Note.—He is allowed to interfere with everyone's work.

IV. Find the moment of resilience of our Class pipe, taking the live load and resistance or refusals offered as Id. collecting the money for it.

V. Because a professor calls Redpath Harris, what should Harris do?

The *Annual* is out; every '05 man hould get one.

Spring has at last set in as Fyshnanx has been seen gathering May-flowers at seven a.m. on Delorimier Avenue. Our Class poet submits the following piece on it:

May-sie doesn't mind it,
May-sie at them stares.
Other girls are so uncertain
When they do a bit of flirtin'
But May-sie gets right *there!*

It is rumoured that Clifton is not on the trail for further honours. His applications (with detailed list of qualifications and personal attractions, including photographs, front and side view, in three colours), for the Rhodes Scholarship and the Nobel Prize are said to be already in the hands of the printers. The only thing that he is worrying about at present is how to manage all the 4 G. E. Scholarships this summer, when he is already engaged to give a course of lectures before the Royal Society on "The Use of the Imagination in Differential Calculus."

ARTS.

1904.

Our poet has been imbuing himself recently with some of the old Scotch bards. This, together with the nearness of certain events, has produced the following sad consequences—which he calls:—

Ye Lament For Ye Swatteris.

Full grimly ranged in front of me,
The rows of dread exams. I see,
And, tho' I hope for victory,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

(When you have made out the printer's version of that, try the next spasm.)

And as I plug, not far from me,
Archibald toiling hard I see,
And Brown a swatting busily,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

Campbell has lost his wonted glee,
And Chandler looks as sad as he,
Dickenson laboureth verily,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

Next, Hindly, Healy, Lathe, Harvie;
Shin painfully up learning's tree,
So Marshall doth, and eke Mingie,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

The Mac's—that grand fraternity—
With eyes that gaze toward their degree,
Full, late o' nights toil patiently,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

The silver voice of T. M. P.
Is still, he crammeth history;
While Shanks imbibes geology,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

Next, Ruby labours mightily,
Committing Flux to memory;
While Sheldon dreams of x y z;
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

If any here unmentioned be,
Know, tis not their obscurity;
Exams wear out my memory;
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

The weary bard thus mournfully,
Indites these dolorous rhymes in E.
One line of Greek, of English three,
φόβος ἥττης ταράττει με.

Last spring we took an affecting farewell of our readers, only to find ourselves re-elected in the fall. This time however, there is no mistake about it, for even if the wily examiner contrives to "pull" us, there will be no '04 next year to need a Reporter. In our own name, and that of the poet, we tender our hearty thanks to those appreciators of good literature, who have informed us that they like our productions; to those who think otherwise, we have nothing to say; some people cannot appreciate even Shakespere. "In all sadness"—and that phrase has something of its modern meaning, as we remember that this is positively our last appearance in this capacity, we have enjoyed our two years of weekly attempts at humour, and would be glad to think others have done so too. Good-by; may each of you, when he meets his examiner, "poke his eye out" (figuratively of course.)

1906.

Here endeth Chapter II in the history of the Class, Arts '06, and let us hope that the Chapter III, dated Sept., 1904, will have a better historian than the present. That isn't fishing because Daffy is sitting on the bait-can. We would be sadly tempted to express our feelings in a splurge of poetry, but Greggaw has the sole monopoly. "In sooth, I know not why I am so sad" would be the style in which Geo. V., would express himself. Good old Geo. V. without whom the space of these columns would appear a meaningless blank.

"Mr. Chairman, I would—aw—like to move that this here Year tendaw a bloomin' vote of thanks to owah esteemed and venerated Classmate, George de Vere Cuzzins, for the noble mannah in which he has borne the brunt of the reportah's jokeless jokes. All in flavour or favour—stop chewing gum." Carried unanimously.

Quoth Sapolio, "Gee, I'm going to have a great bust when the Exams. have been wrote. I'm going to buy a package of cigarettes and go to the Francais." Then those tales of the wild life of College will float home you know. Dreadful depravity of the modern youth!

We might mention, for the sake of those students taking French, that Jean Volgean did not spend 20 years in the bathtub.

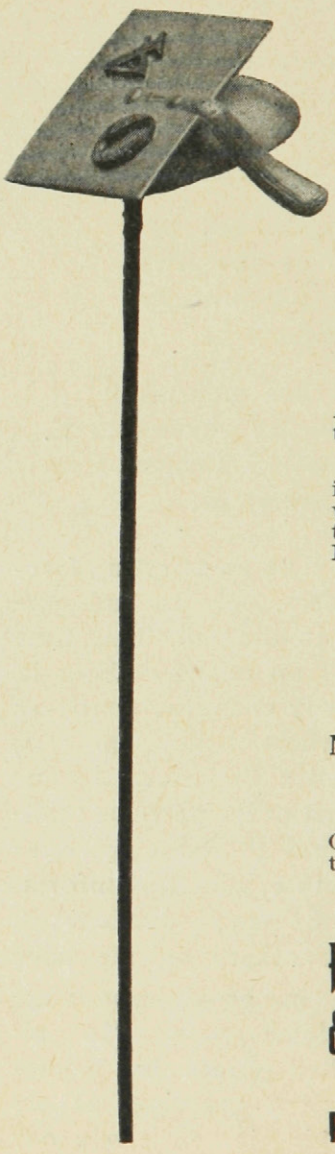
These spasms are but the result of a tired brain. Please do not condemn this to anyone who may take the trouble to wade thus far. Including the Year

we wish everyone the best of success in the Exams. and may we all meet next year having reached the height of our ambition to get our "phiz" in the *Annual*—and *carry a cane*. Adoo!

1907.

The President's Dream:—

I laid aside my Cicero and leaned back in my upholstered soapbox to meditate on the inanity of life and the futility of existence, when I became aware of a presence and felt myself addressed. "Mortal, I am Padi abu Fakir ibn Murfi, apothecary extraordinary to the Plutonic Sulphur Dispensary." He produced something from a rainbow-coloured box and said "Inhale this potent Dopikaporal and become transparent. Follow me." I bebecame conscious of a vast hall with many recesses and intersecting corridors, we floated along to a place where in a blaze of light I beheld a few of my earthly friends, robed in white, and wreathed with many garlands. I asked "Why do these seem so dejected in such splendor?" And Padi replied: "These are they who have paid their undergraduate dues." We turned down a passage and stood before the portals of a majestic chamber wherein were many shining maidens with harps. I would willingly have remained long at this place, but my guide bade me look behind, and I saw many confined in iron cages. As to the cause of their imprisonment, my guide would tell me nothing as he hurried me away towards a low archway. Entering, I saw a few miserable creatures whose hair was being alternately smeared with chewing gum and combed. "These" said Padi "are those who refused to visit the barber, and who are now tortured under direction of carefully chosen artists." From a darkly luminous aperture on the left issued doleful wails and sighs. Observing my attention drawn, my conductor observed: "This is the place of those who withdrew assistance from functions and enterprises." I hastened from this scene of torment and passed a room wherein were many youths chained down to huge books labelled "Dante," "Dryden," "Pope," and gathered that these were such as persisted in burrowing in musty authors what time they should have been enjoying life. Close by was the hall of discord where two or three persons, with long disheveled hair, were fettered to a dais surrounded by German musicians, each of whom played in a different key. "See" said Padi "the awful fate of those, who, with stringed instruments, make life noisesome to their



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fellow mortals." We drifted to a higher stratum where I recognized many who were scholars of the Gallic tongue. "So these" said the guide "have suffered on earth and now reap the reward of endurance, raised far above the source of their torment." Passing to the highest area I saw a few resplendent beings, each one upon a pedestal, while about their heads fluttered a cupid with a beaming face. Of those upon pedestals one held in his hands a bag made to contain money, another had his base carved with the mystic letters WIFTS, while in a corner stood another with a stylus behind his ear; sorely battered he seemed, but of mien beatific. Raised above them all was one who seemed to me a very Adonis; as he smiled upon me I recognized—Frederick W.—but, alas, the fire had died out and the sudden chattering of my teeth brought me back to earth, to shiver myself warm again.

We thank the Year for its long suffering and patience with the pointless jests and inexpensive humour that has so often filled this column. In the long vacation may the beard of '07 wax exceeding long and its avoir-dupois never wane. Adios.

MEDICINE.

1906.

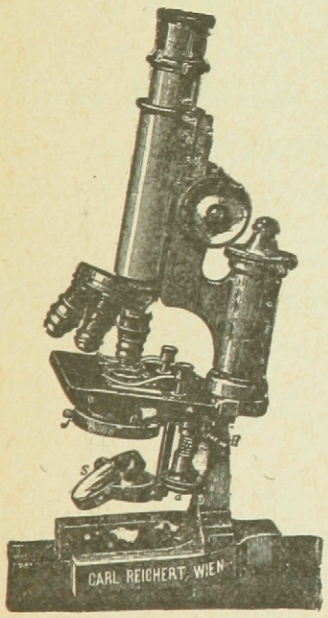
The suspense was finished for most of us on Sunday night, Anatomy results were obtainable and of course we got them. We extend our congratulations to the Honour men and especially to Mr. Turnbull on his leading the class. His lead is merited and popular too.

We are pleased to know that Mr. Fred. Clarke is well on the way to complete recovery and we hope to have him again with us very shortly.

Messrs. H. S. Crowe and J. W. Patterson, on the Editorial staff, and H. H. Christie and O. S. Hillman, on the Business staff, will represent Medicine in producing the "'06 *Annual*."

Heard after Anatomy results:—

"Well, I guess I'll get a class pin now."



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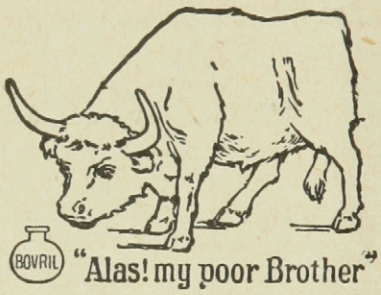

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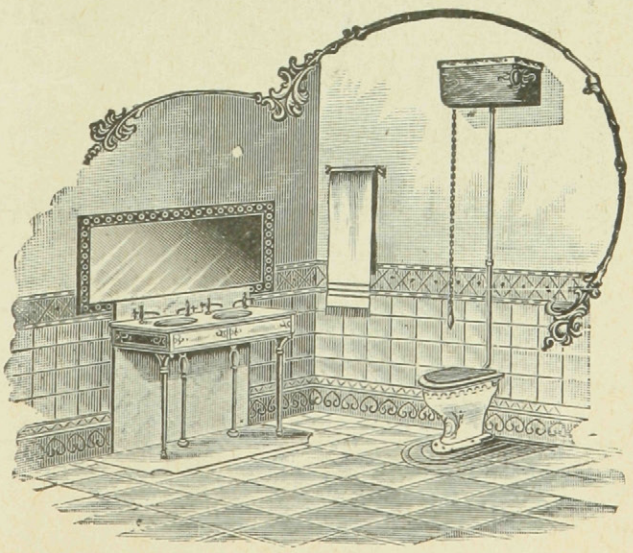

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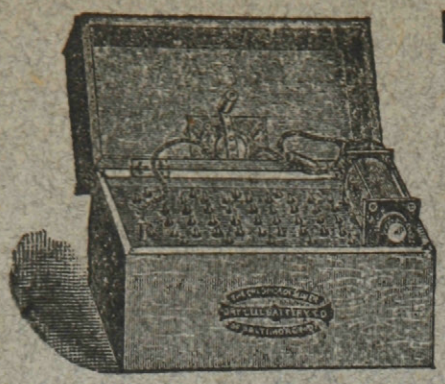

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